DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA
2700 TULANE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS 70119

JIM GARRISON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

August 14, 1968

PRESS RELEASE

Once again the federal court has reached down and prevented us from going to trial in the case of Clay Shaw. We do not agree with the court's position that there is any basis for more federal interference with the processes of justice in this case.

We will be challenging the right of Justice Fortas to pass any judgment concerning this case. Justice Fortas is a long-time personal friend of President Johnson and the President has participated actively in concealing vital evidence with regard to the murder of his predecessor. Furthermore, Justice Fortas himself played an active role in helping to conceal the truth from the American people, for it was he who helped work out for the President the creation of the Warren Commission whose findings have now been totally discredited. Besides turning out to be an excellent device for falsifying the truth, it prevented the appointment by Congress of its own investigating committee. This could have been catastrophic for the government, because a committee appointed by Congress - rather than by Lyndon Johnson -

might have dug into the truth. Consequently, Justice Fortas would not be free to look at the case objectively, nor would any other man who received his judge's robes from President Johnson.

We also will be challenging the right of Chief Justice Earl Warren to participate in any judgment on this case. He played corner linebacker and captain of the President's defensive unit back in 1964. The American people are still trying to find the ball.

JIM GARRISON